

## Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel

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### Winifred Fawcett

(Died February 19, 2018)

Services for Winifred Fawcett, 97, of Groton will be 11:00 a.m., Friday, February 23, 2018 at the Gettysburg United Methodist Church. Rev. Jeff Adel will officiate. Burial will follow in the Gettysburg Cemetery under the direction of Paetznick-Garness Funeral Chapel.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday at the Groton United Methodist Church from 5-7:30 p.m. with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Thomas Carlson will preside.



Winifred passed away February 19, 2018 at Groton Care and Rehabilitation Center.

Winifred Lucille was born on October 2, 1920 in Clark County to Percy and Elizabeth (Smith) Bertrand. At the age of 2, she moved to Gettysburg where she attended school. After graduating in 1938, she attended Madison Normal College and obtained her teaching certificate. Winifred taught all 8 grades at several rural Potter County schools for ten years. On August 16, 1948 she was united in marriage with Orville Fawcett in Gettysburg. Winifred continued substitute teaching and also began selling Avon in 1971. She sold it for 33 years and retired at the age of 84 years. During those years, she was a librarian for the Potter County Library. Many will remember her as "Gettysburg's Informal Historian." She truly enjoyed working with the Historical Society and had won awards for her books and essays about the region.

Winifred was a member and attended the Gettysburg Methodist Church for 95 years. She also belonged to the Cunningham Extension Club and was 4-H leader for 10 years. In her free time, she loved to work on genealogy, gardening, arts and crafts projects, reading, and collecting cardinal figurines.

Celebrating her life is her daughter, Anita (John) Lowary of Groton and her sister-in-law, Rosalie Bertrand.

Preceding her in death were her parents, her husband, three brothers, Thane (Jean) Bertrand, Allen Bertrand, Richard Bertrand and several nieces and nephews.

Casketbearers will be Ralph Holzworth, Bob Potts, Larry Madsen, and Bert Van Essen.

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